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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph from page 5, lines 10-23, with the following amended paragraph:

In other embodiments, the biocidal composition can include various organic acids such as formic acid, acetic acid, propionic acid, butyric acid, valeric acid, caproic acid, caprylic acid, capric acid, lauric acid, myristic acid, palmitic acid, stearic acid, oleic acid, linoleic acid, linolenic acid, cyclohexanecarboxylic acid, phenylacetic acid, benzoic acid, *o*-toluic acid, *m*-toluic acid, *p*-toluic acid, *o*-chlorobenzoic acid, *m*-chlorobenzoic acid, *p*-chlorobenzoic acid, *o*-bromobenzoic acid, *m*-bromobenzoic acid, *p*-bromobenzoic acid, *o*-nitrobenzoic acid, *m*-nitrobenzoic acid, *p*-nitrobenzoic acid, phthalic acid, isophthalic acid, terephthalic acid, salicylic acid, *p*-hydroxybenzoic acid, anthranilic acid, *m*-aminobenzoic acid, *p*-aminobenzoic acid, *o*-methoxybenzoic acid, *m*-methoxybenzoic acid, *p*-methoxybenzoic (anisic) acid, oxalic acid, malonic acid, succinic acid, glutaric acid, adipic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, phthalic acid, isophthalic acid, terephthalic acid, acetyl chloride, propionyl chloride, *n*-butyryl chloride, *n*-valeryl chloride, stearoyl chloride, benzoyl chloride, *p*-nitrobenzoyl chloride, 3,5-dinitrobenzoyl chloride, acetic anhydride, phthalic anhydride, or any mixture thereof.

Please replace the paragraph from page 11, lines 18-30, to page 12, lines 1-7 with the following amended paragraph:

The biocidal compositions of the present invention also include an organic acid. In various embodiments, the organic acid is present in an amount of about 10% to about 40% total weight of the composition. Preferably, the organic acid is present in an amount about 20% by total weight of the composition. One skilled in the art will recognize that there are many organic acids that can be incorporated into the compositions of the present invention. Examples of such organic acids include, but are not limited to, formic acid, acetic acid, propionic acid, butyric acid, valeric acid, caproic acid, caprylic acid, capric acid, lauric acid, myristic acid, palmitic acid,

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stearic acid, oleic acid, linoleic acid, linolenic acid, cyclohexanecarboxylic acid, phenylacetic acid, benzoic acid, *o*-toluic acid, *m*-toluic acid, *p*-toluic acid, *o*-chlorobenzoic acid, *m*-chlorobenzoic acid, *p*-chlorobenzoic acid, *o*-bromobenzoic acid, *m*-bromobenzoic acid, *p*-bromobenzoic acid, *o*-nitrobenzoic acid, *m*-nitrobenzoic acid, *p*-nitrobenzoic acid, phthalic acid, isophthalic acid, terephthalic acid, salicylic acid, *p*-hydroxybenzoic acid, anthranilic acid, *m*-aminobenzoic acid, *p*-aminobenzoic acid, *o*-methoxybenzoic acid, *m*-methoxybenzoic acid, *p*-methoxybenzoic (anisic) acid, oxalic acid, malonic acid, succinic acid, glutaric acid, adipic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, ~~phthalic acid, isophthalic acid, terephthalic acid, acetyl chloride, propionyl chloride, *n*-butyryl chloride, *n*-valeryl chloride, stearoyl chloride, benzoyl chloride, *p*-nitrobenzoyl chloride, 3,5-dinitrobenzoyl chloride, acetic anhydride, and phthalic anhydride.~~ One killed in the art will also recognize that various mixtures of organic acids can be used as well without parting from the scope of the present invention.